

COUNTRY	East Germany	SECURITY INFORMATION	REPORT NO.	
TOPIC	KVP Evacuating the Weisswasser Troop Training Grounds.			
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1. From 10 to 16 June 1953, Camp Nochten was occupied to capacity by KVP in a strength of between 2000 and 3000 men. Extensive construction work was under way in the camp, with lumber continuously arriving. [redacted] low wooden buildings would be built.<sup>1</sup>
2. [redacted] on 15 June 1953, 30 converted boxcars had to be made available for the KVP at the Weisswasser railroad station. [redacted] they were scheduled to be loaded at night on 15 June and upon departure of this train, additional cars except cars for shipment of heavy weapons had to be made available. [redacted] the troop training grounds would again be occupied by Soviet tank units.<sup>1</sup>
3. A Soviet kommandatura on Hegel Promenade in Weisswasser which was staffed with 12 soldiers wearing black-bordered claret epaulets was the only Soviet unit in the town during the period [redacted]
4. From 16 to 18 June 1953, Camp Weisswasser was vacated by KVP. Removable equipment of the units was stored in the ration supply depot. Martial law was declared in Weisswasser on 17 May. KVP patrolled the streets. On 18 May, the town was enclosed by 12 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] About 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets restored order in the town. Machine guns were emplaced outside the town. Motorvehicles seen at the kommandatura [redacted]
1. [redacted] Comment. On 9 June 1953, Nochten was occupied by an estimated 2500 soldiers [redacted]. This occupation was also observed from 12 to 14 June. Until 12 June the occupation of the camp grew, and billeting equipment as well as fuel arrived. [redacted] It is therefore doubted that the 30 boxcars made available on 15 June should have been connected with an evacuation of the troop training grounds planned prior to the uprising. Rather, it is believed that the units left upon completion of their training.
2. [redacted] Comment. The KVP in East Ger any was probably faced unexpectedly with the riots and was alerted.

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